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Sent: 6/3/2022 4:10:05 PM
To: Moore, John (Matthew) [moore.johnm@epa.gov]
CC: Amy van Saun [AvanSaun@CenterforFoodSafety.org]
Subject: RE: Status Update re: SDWA Lower Yakima Valley Nitrate Groundwater Petition

Thank you for the update. I am glad to hear you are working on this critical health issue, and I look forward to hearing more.

Do you need anything else from Petitioners? We do not plan to provide additional information at this time, but I am happy to answer any remaining questions.

Do you have a general timeline or action plan for reaching a decision? I understand that it may be difficult to estimate the completion date. To better assist you in reaching a final decision, it would be helpful to hear the status of your efforts to address groundwater contamination in Lower Yakima Valley. Please keep us informed of your plans and progress, and let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you.

Best,
Kristina

From: Moore, John (Matthew) <moore.johnm@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Status Update re: SDWA Lower Yakima Valley Nitrate Groundwater Petition

Hi Kristina,

Thank you for reaching out again. EPA continues to compile information and communicate with appropriate state and local government regarding the pending SDWA petition in the Lower Yakima Valley. In that effort to collect all pertinent information, EPA recently issued a request for information to the Law Offices of Charlie Tebbutt, as you referenced. Similarly and based on our last conversation (see attached), EPA was expecting to receive additional information from Petitioners. Please inform me whether Petitioners still plan for additional submissions.

While I cannot provide an expected decision date on the Petition at this time, please know that EPA is working hard to gather and assess information and to consider options for addressing this important issue.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Subject: Status Update re: SDWA Lower Yakima Valley Nitrate Groundwater Petition

Hi Matt,

It's been a couple months since we talked about our pending SDWA petition regarding nitrate groundwater contamination in Lower Yakima Valley, so I wanted to reach out to see how things are going on your end.

Expected Decision Date: Do you have a timeline for reaching a decision on our petition? To prevent additional adverse health impacts on residents, we would like to work with you to develop and implement solutions before CAFOs start disposing of manure and wastewater on local agricultural fields in the fall and early winter.

Clean Drinking Water Project Data: As I recall, you were interested in learning more about the Clean Drinking Water Project. Have you been able to get the relevant data from Charlie Tebbutt? Charlie confirmed that he would send you the relevant data if you requested it. If you have any issues getting this data from Charlie, or if you need any additional information to reach a decision, please let me know.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about our petition or if there is anything we can do to help with your decision-making process. I'm looking forward to hearing about your efforts to address this important public health crisis.

Best,
Kristina

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